

# Guardian Challenge



A helicopter from the 90th Space Wing competes in the helicopter hover competition



Staff Sgt. David Sellers and Airman Michael Woods, both with the 90th Communications Squadron, assemble a hardened intersite cable systems spike case during a missile maintenance team exercise.



Col. Evan Hoapili, 90th Space Wing Commander, poses with the Warren Wrangler, Senior Airman William Westbo, 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron.

## Wranglers Made Good Showing, But Blanchard Must Wait

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With the crowd hushed in anticipation, Warren's Guardian Challenge team clenched one another's hands as Maj. Gen John Regni read the scores and announced the winners for this year's Guardian Challenge held at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., May 2 through 7.

Though Warren did not take home the coveted Blanchard trophy for the best intercontinental ballistic missile wing, the team achieved several victories. Among those victories were: "Best Chefs," "Best Pneudraulics," and "Best Munitions," for the missile maintenance team, best tactics for the security forces team and best generations for the helicopter team.

Warren competed against Space Commands finest May 2-7 in security forces, missile operations and communications, missile maintenance, helicopter and chefs.

GC opened May 3 with the opening ceremonies held at Vandenberg's revamped hanger. Warren arrived with their team mascot the wrangler, shouting cheers to antagonize the competition. Rivalry began from the beginning.

Other than the competition, the festivities included a crud tournament, a game of pool played without cues by officers, several Santa Maria-style barbecues and the final score posting.

The score posting banquet was broadcasted live via the Internet May 6.

The Rough Riders from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., took home top honors as the best ICBM wing. The Sharks from Patrick AFB, Fla., received the Schriever trophy for the best spacelift wing, while the Aldridge trophy went to the Knights from Peterson AFB, Colo., for the best space operations wing.



Airman 1st Class Holly Hood, 321st Missile Squadron, prepares a salad during the chef's cooking competition May 4.

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Staff Sgt. Scott Gero, 90th Security Forces Squadron, catches his breath after finishing the obstacle course, while water is poured over his head to congratulate him.